

Organ Viability Assessment with Imaging Measurement Technology during Machine Perfusion for porcine DCD liver

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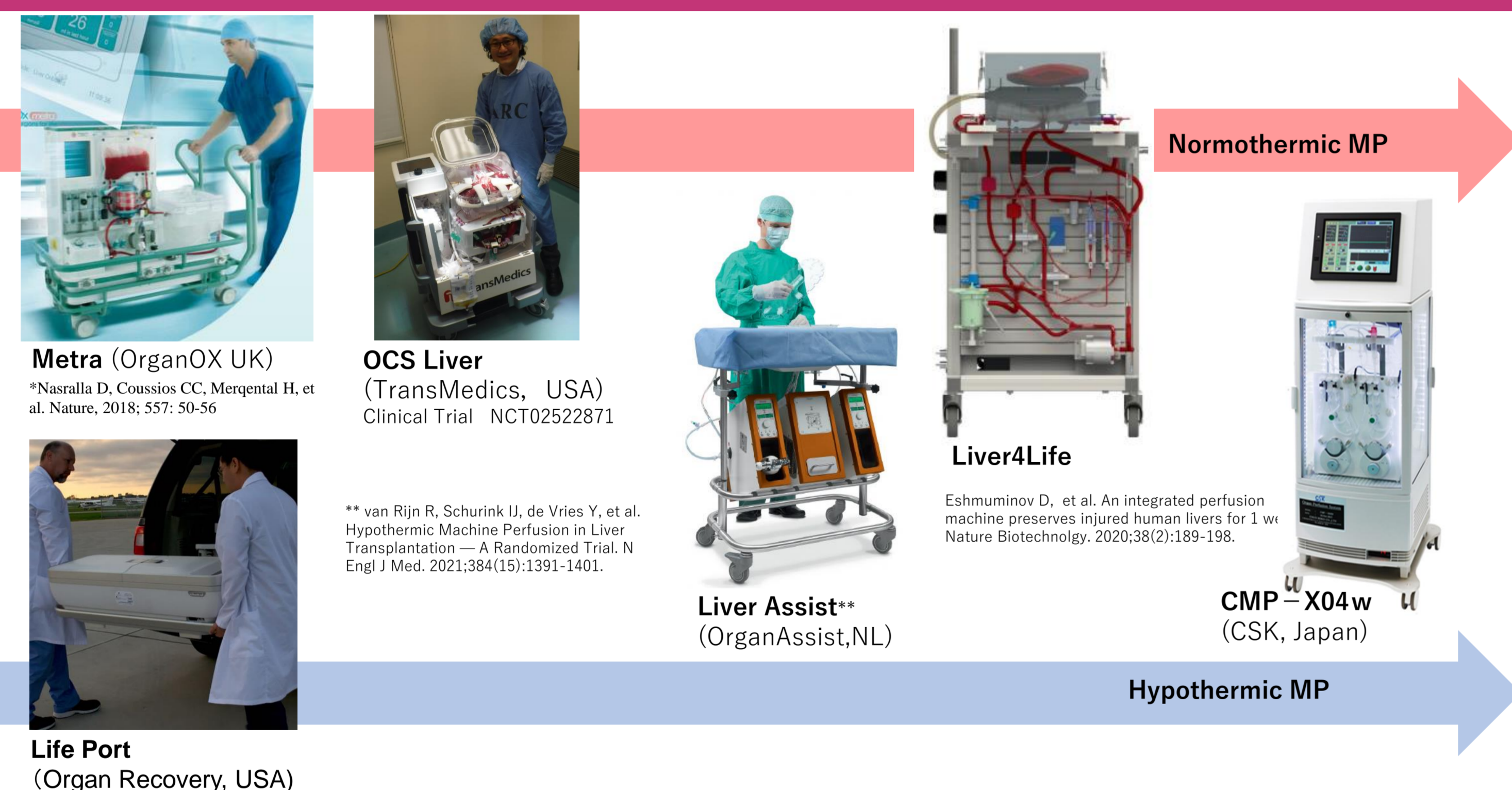


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INTRODUCTION

A machine perfusion is a promising strategy to preserve organs donated after cardiac death (DCD). It provides some opportunities to preserve, improve and assess the graft viability prior to transplantation. The assessment methods for graft viability during machine perfusion are important to extend the donor criteria and the total number for transplantation.

Liver Machine Perfusion



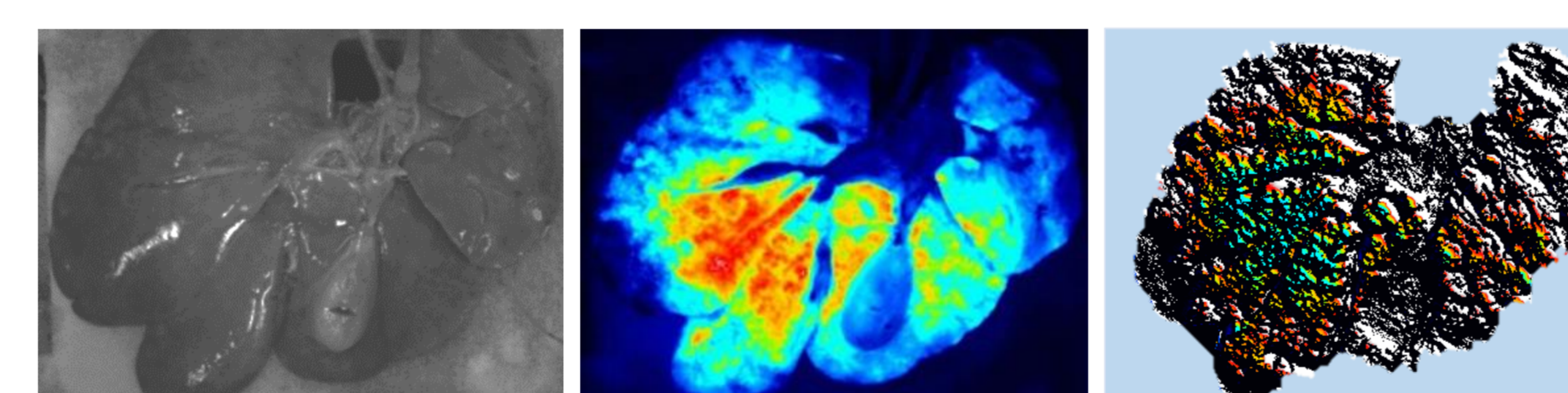
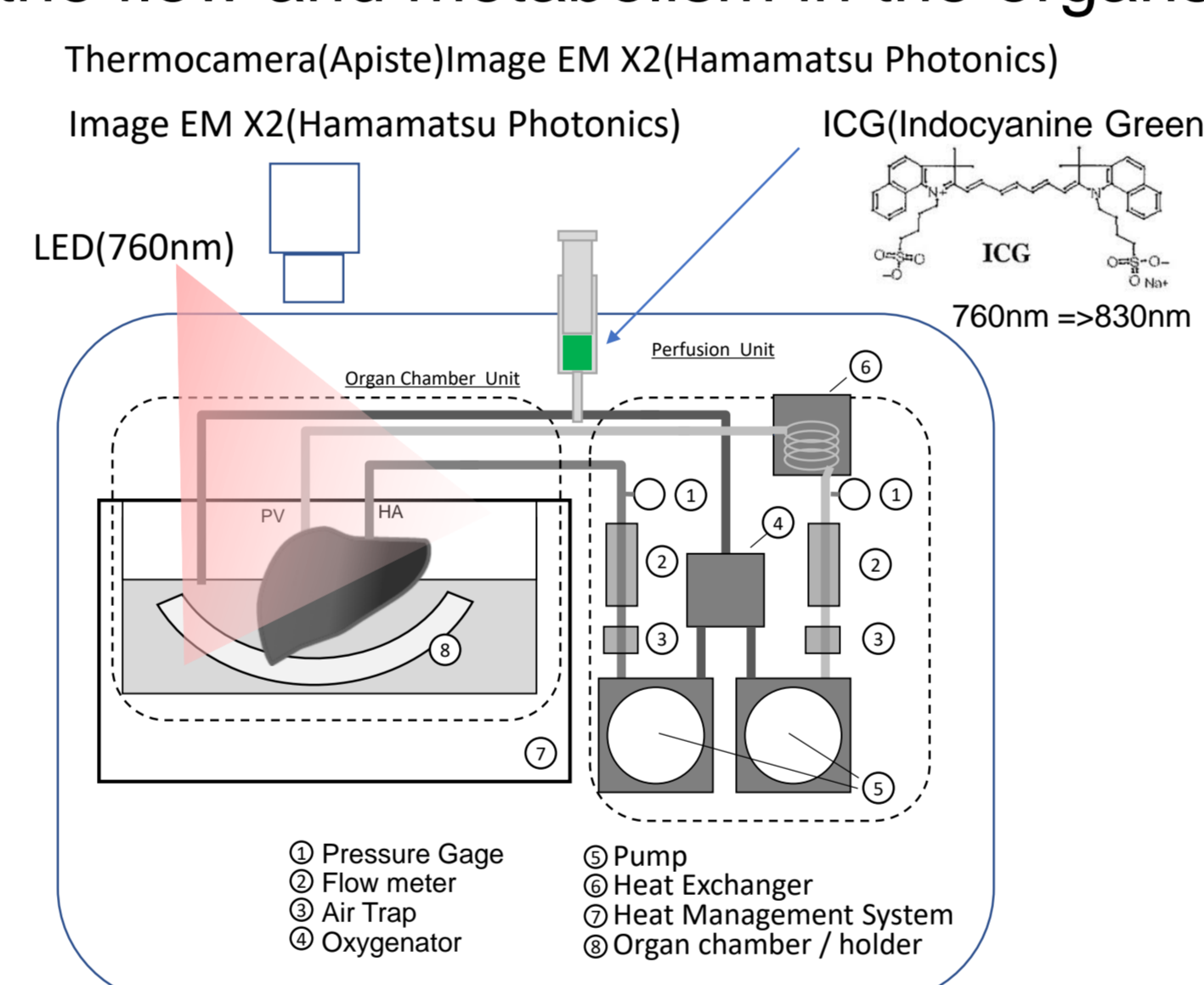
Preserve organ function

Viability assessment

Organ Repair

METHOD

Pigs were employed to harvest a liver graft under several warm ischemic time conditions. The system for machine perfusion was consisted of a highspeed thermal camera to measure temperature distributions of the organ and a high sense camera for near infrared to detect ICG fluorescent dynamics. We perfused porcine livers injected ICG through the portal vein during perfusion under hypothermic, subnormothermic and normothermic conditions. The fluorescence image measurements were analysed to evaluate the flow and metabolism in the organs..



(a)Raw Image (b) ICG Image (c) Analyze

RESULTS

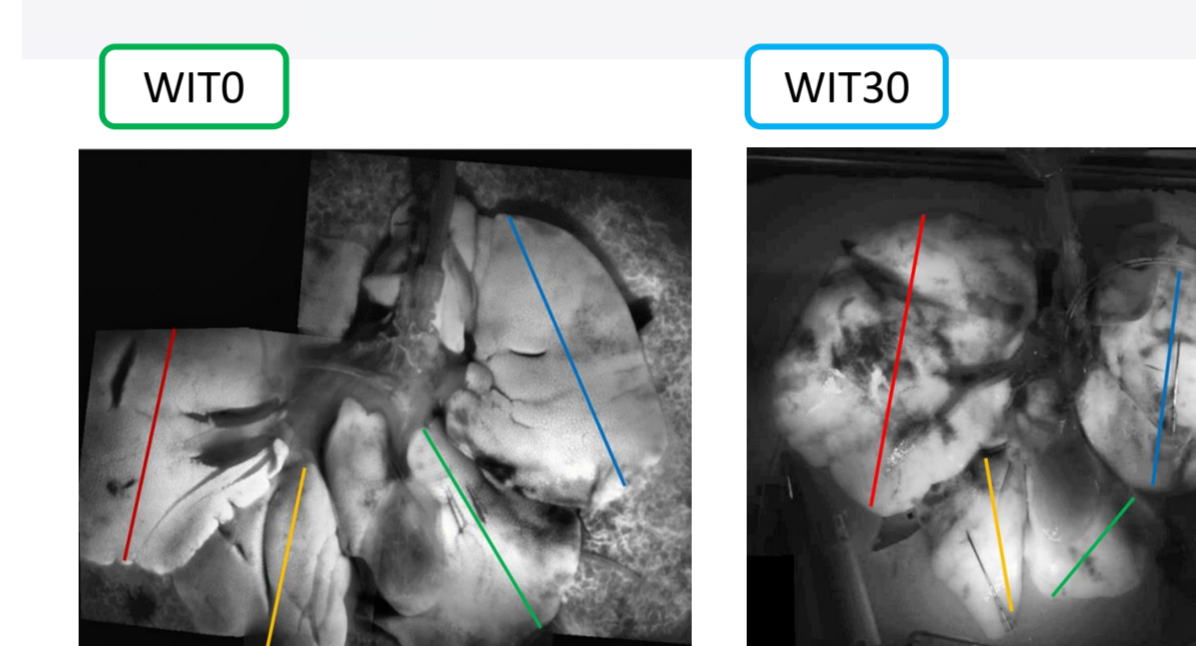


Fig ICG Images(WITO,30)

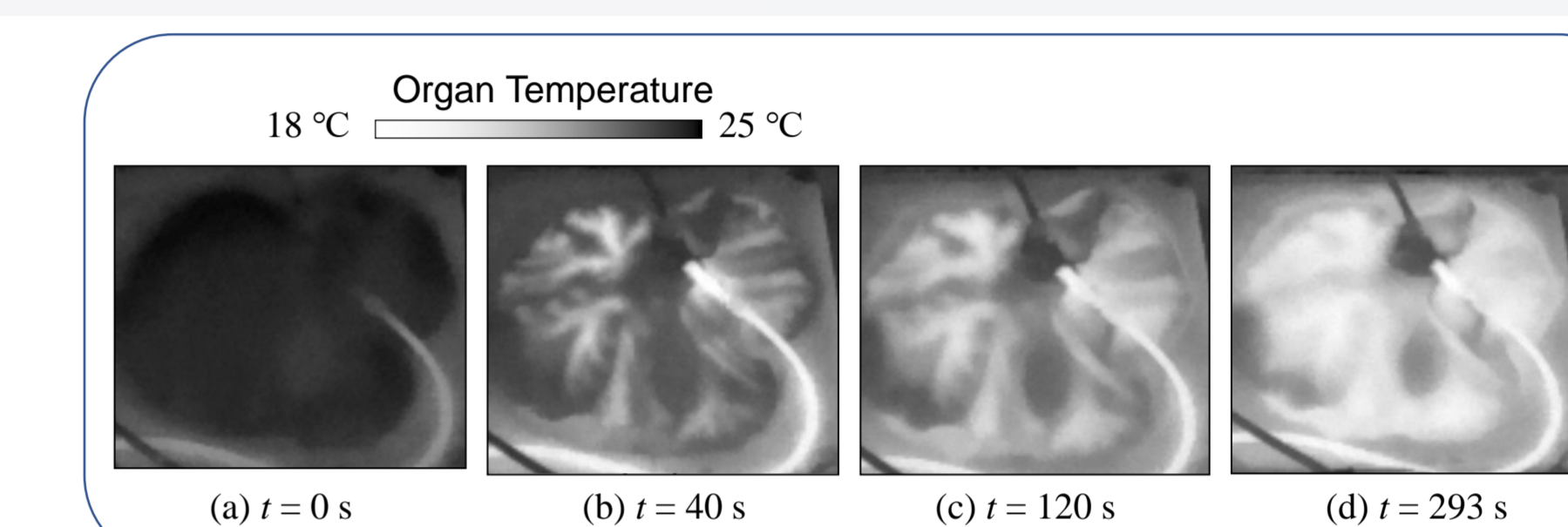


Fig. Temperature distributions during perfusion of temperature controlled perfusate

As an example, results from ICG are described here. In the images taken 180 sec after the addition of ICG, different fluorescence dynamics were observed depending on the individual. In particular, the fluorescence area and the intensity of fluorescence differ greatly between the experimental conditions, indicating the differences in the flow conditions. After 300 sec, the fluorescence spread in all livers, and the concentration diffusion of fluorescence intensity spread from capillaries to the tissues was observed.

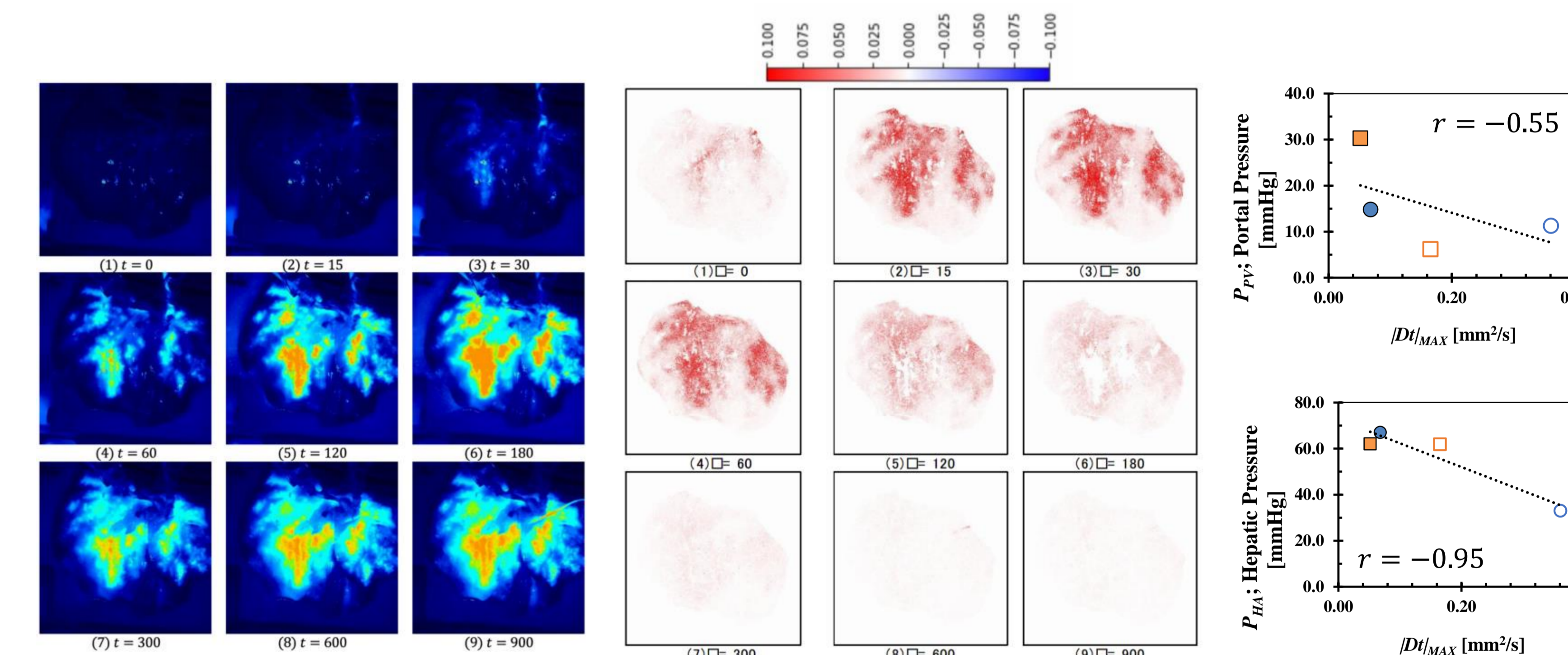


Fig Analyzed ICG Images(Sample b)

Fig Calculated ICG Images(Sample b)

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CONCLUSIONS

The potential of imaging measurement technology was presented for improvement of the machine perfusion and regenerative medicine.

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AIM

In this study, we suggest novel imaging measurement technology with thermal and infrared cameras to investigate distribution of the ischemic injury part to predict organ qualities.